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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR CALLS ON UNDER SECRETARY SISCO

1. CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY SISCO APRIL 8 TO PRESENT FULL TEXT OF GREEK-CYPRIOT PROPOSALS WHICH HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO UN REP IN NICOSIA ON APRIL 3.

2. SISCO ADVISED DIMITRIOU THAT WE WOULD HAVE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS UNTIL WE HAD TIME TO STUDY PROPOSALS. HE ASKED DIMITRIOU WHAT EFFECT CLERIDES' RESIGNATION WOULD HAVE ON THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. AFTER EXPRESSING SHOCK AND DISMAY AT CLERIDES' UNEXPECTED RESIGNATION, DIMITRIOU SAID THE TURKS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO EXPLOIT THIS DEVELOPMENT AND USE THE RESIGNATION AS AN EXCUSE NOT TO NEGOTIATE.

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3. SISCO SAID THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WANT TO

SEE A SLOWDOWN IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS AND THAT BOTH SIDES MUST BE PREPARED TO CARRY ON DESPITE THE RESIGNATION OF CLERIDES. SISCO THEN STRESSED THAT THE U.S. INTENDS TO WORK ACTIVELY TO ASSIST THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

4. SISCO TURNED TO THE SUBJECT OF THE RECENT DEMONSTRATION

AGAINST THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN NICOSIA AND EXPRESSED OUR DEEP CONCERN ABOUT THE HOSTILITY THAT HAS DEVELOPED ON THE ISLAND IN THE WAKE OF THE TURKISH BASE AGREEMENT. IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT THIS AGREEMENT WILL STRENGTHEN OUR CAPACITY TO GET MOVEMENT ON THE CYPRUS TALKS. SISCO ALSO STATED OUR CONCERN ABOUT A NEW DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 12. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT IT WILL BE OF GREATER INTENSITY AND MORE VIOLENT.

5. SISCO SAID HE WANTED DIMITRIOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE LOOK TO HIS GOVERNMENT TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE DEMONSTRATION DOES NOT GET OUT OF HAND AND THAT THERE ARE NO INJURIES TO AMERICAN PERSONNEL OR DAMAGE TO AMERICAN PROPERTY. ANY SUCH OCCURRENCE WOULD REQUIRE US TO RECONSIDER THE VERY PRESENCE OF THE U.S. IN CYPRUS. SISCO FOLLOWED THIS STATEMENT BY EMPHASIZING THAT HE HAD CHOSEN HIS WORDS VERY CAREFULLY. HE STRESSED THAT WE WERE INFORMING THE GOC IN ADVANCE OF THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE VIEW POSSIBLE ACTS AGAINST THE U.S. ON CYPRUS AND THAT WE WANTED THESE CONCERNS CONVEYED IMMEDIATELY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS.

6. DIMITRIOU STATED THAT IT HAD BEEN HIS INTENTION TO BEGIN THE MEETING WITH AN EXPRESSION OF REGRET OVER THE DEMONSTRATION ON APRIL 6. HE SAID HE HAD ALREADY SENT, ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE, A CABLE TO HIS GOVERNMENT STRESSING THE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OF A REPETITION OF THE RECENT INCIDENT. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT HE WOULD NOW TELEPHONE HIS FOREIGN MINISTER TO DRAW HIS ATTENTION TO SISCO'S REMARKS GIVING SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO SISCO'S COMMENTS ON THE U.S. MAINTAINING ITS PRESENCE ON CYPRUS.

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7. MR. LAINGEN EXPLAINED THAT OUR CONCERN WAS HEIGHTENED BY REPORTS THAT WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES MIGHT BE UTILIZED IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS SCHEDULED MONDAY.

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